



Week 1: Philippians 1:1-5 - Partnership in the Gospel

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. Read Philippians 1:1-5. If appropriate for your group, read the entire letter aloud together. What stands out to you from the reading?
2. What do you know about Paul at this time in his life? What do you know about the Philippian church (Acts 16 records how the church began 10-12 years earlier)?
3. What do you think it means to be a partner in the Gospel (vs 5)? What do you think about the idea that giving financially means you are working alongside those you are supporting?
4. What opportunities have you had to be a partner in the Gospel with people or organizations?
5. What are you learning, or being reminded of today?

Week 2: Philippians 1:6-11 - He began, He will finish

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. In V6 Paul says, "He who began a good work in you... Why is it so important to know that he was referring to all of us as a church when he said YOU, and not a statement to us as individuals?
2. The Philippian church were partakers, or partners in the kingdom work that was happening there. They weren't just consumer Christians. How can we more sold out and a part of what God is doing at the Well church, both on Sunday, and throughout the week?
3. As an example of how we should love, Eph. 5:25 says, "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her". What are the ways we as a church can have love that abounds more and more?
4. In what ways is your life bringing praise and glory to God? And in what ways is the Well church bringing glory and praise to God?
5. What are you learning, or being reminded of today?

Week 3: Philippians 1:12-18 - Advancement of the Gospel

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. Paul said his imprisonment was an opportunity! He had the opportunity to share with prisoners and guards who never would have heard the Gospel unless he was imprisoned (vs. 12-13). What tough, hard, or even suffering situations in your life could be looked at the same way?
2. He also said that because he was speaking out in spite of scary situations, it was encouraging others to speak about Jesus too (vs. 14). Who are people who, when you see them speak about Jesus, it encourages you? Who are the people around you that would gain courage to speak out too when/if you spoke about Jesus first?
3. Then Paul says he is even rejoicing when people are sharing the truth about Jesus out of selfishness and envy (vs. 15-18). How does this apply today? (ie. what our attitude should be about other churches, people, organizations who share the true gospel, but we don't like other things about them)
4. Check out 1 Corinthians 4:5 and talk more about judging (or not judging) other people's motives.
5. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Week 4: Philippians 1:19-30 - To Live is Christ

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. How can Paul rejoice, regardless of whether he lives or dies?
2. We know we are called to live for Christ, but often we find ourselves living for other things. Fill in the blanks in this sentence: "To live is _____. To die is _____. Why did you fill in the blanks how you did? What does it reveal about the condition of your heart?"
3. What does it look like to "live as citizens worthy of the gospel?"
4. Why is it important to recognize that we live the Christian life in community, and not only as individuals?
5. Why is it so important that we learn to view our circumstances from God's perspective? How does chapter 1 of Philippians help us begin to see things from God's view instead of the world's, or our own?
6. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Week 5: Philippians 2:1-2 - A Unified Attitude

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. In verse 1, Paul brings up four things that we now have from God because of the Good News. What are they?
2. What comes to your mind as you think about each of these four things: What encouragement do we have in Christ? How has God shown us comfort in love? How does the Holy Spirit participate with us? How has God and Christ shown you affection and sympathy (mercy)?
3. In verse 2, Paul then says that since we have so much from God in verse 1, we should do what four things with each other? What do each of these four things mean?
4. What do you think the connection is between what God has shown us, and how we should live with each other? In other words, why does verse 2 depend on verse 1?
5. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?
6. On another note, what did you think about the baptisms we had?

Week 6: Philippians 2:3-11 - Being Selfless Like Jesus

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. What is selfish ambition in your life, and what are some ways you tend to live it out?
2. What are your thoughts on the word "humility"?
3. In what ways can you count others more significant than yourself?
4. In what ways does your life show emptying yourself in service to others?
5. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Week 7: Philippians 2:12-18 - Lights in the World

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1. How are you working on your own salvation? Where do you struggle with self-reliance in this work (making you look more like you)?
2. How can we be motivated to hold on tight to God ready to follow him as he works on our lives?
3. When was the last time while following God that he brought you to something that was scary? How did you respond?
4. What is God calling you to now that is intimidating or scary?

Week 8: Philippians 2:19-30 - Better Together

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Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. As you read verses 19-24, describe what you learn about what kind of person Timothy is.
2. Who is a Timothy in your life? How has God given you the opportunity to be a Timothy for someone else?
3. As you read verses 25-30, describe what you learn about what kind of person Epaphroditus is.
4. Who is an Epaphroditus in your life? How has God given you the opportunity to be an Epaphroditus for someone else?
5. Verse 29 says to "honor such men", people like Timothy and Epaphroditus. Who is one person you can honor this week and how can you show them honor?
6. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?